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Re: SMOKING PRODUCT FROM COFFEE BEAN HULLS AND METHOD FOR MAKING THE SAME; PM #539
Helf. #582-704

Dear Howard:

This is to answer Mr. Baer's questions of December 22 which accompanied the draft application.

Page 8, line 9 - A concentration of reagent of 0.008 to 0.40 mols, preferably 0.038 to 0.27 mols, may be used per 100 g of coffee material.

Page 9, line 8 - Insert 'ethylenediamine' before N,N-
As to prior art, Dr. Deszyck and I are not aware of any direct art.

Possibly pertinent U.S. patents, besides Kasser, 3,429,771 of which Mr. Baer was aware, are Kinney, 253,296 and Sutter 2,172,946. Kinney discloses "...coffee, tea ..." in tobacco smoke filters; the form of coffee is not specified but fibrous support such as cotton may be used. Sutter likewise discloses filters "...of roasted coffee or roasted tea or an extract thereof as the sole or principal element in an absorbent and purifying composition..." It does not seem that Claim 1 would read on these.

Dr. Deszyck encloses an additional example which may be useful.

Very truly yours,

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